



## WEC Newsletter

### In Person Absentee Voting is Open!

For those municipalities with a primary, the February 15<sup>th</sup> Spring Primary is fast approaching. Last Tuesday (February 1, 2022) marked the start of in-person absentee voting, also known as IPAV, which can start no earlier than 14 days before an election, per statute.



The locations and times of your in-person absentee voting can be determined by your office and must be published in your Type E notice. If you have changes to your in-person absentee voting schedule, you will need to amend your Type E notice to reflect those changes. Municipalities may offer as many IPAV hours as they like, but no hours may be offered on the Monday prior to election day.

Voters who wish to vote an in-person absentee ballot will need to be registered to vote and provide acceptable photo ID to be issued a ballot. Unregistered voters may register in the clerk's office, or alternate absentee voting site, up until 5:00 pm on the Friday before election day and they must complete the voter registration form and provide an acceptable proof of residence document.

In-person absentee voters will privately mark their selections and seal the voted ballot in the certificate envelope and sign the envelope. The clerk or a deputy clerk will then sign as the witness and provide the address of the clerk's office. All ballots must be voted in the clerk's office, or alternate absentee voting site. Voters may not take ballots with them and if a voter would like to vote their ballot at home, they must request an absentee ballot.

### A Sneak Peek at the .gov Subgrant Program

As a Wisconsin municipal or county clerk, you know that election security is a lot more than just a phrase, it's a practice—and one that goes a lot further than just making sure the doors get locked at night.

Part of this practice is ensuring that people who communicate with your office via email can trust they're communicating with a vetted government agency. This is why only official government entities can have an email address that ends in .gov, and it's why the WEC will soon be kicking off a subgrant program for municipalities to help with the costs (up to \$600) of transitioning to a .gov, or .wi.gov, email domain. Look for an announcement coming soon about the Election Security .gov Email Domain Subgrant.

### Correction

In our last issue, we listed the email to contact the Badger Book team as [epollbooknetwork@wisconsin.gov](mailto:epollbooknetwork@wisconsin.gov). That was incorrect. The actual address is [epollbook@wisconsin.gov](mailto:epollbook@wisconsin.gov). Our apologies.

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### Important Dates and Deadlines

- 02/01/2022—In Person Absentee Voting opens
- 02/05/2022—First day clerks may conduct public tests of voting equipment
- 02/07/2022—Last day for SVD's to make their arrangements
- 02/08/2022—Last day for clerks to post their SVD notices
- 02/14/2022—Last day for SVD's to visit care facilities & nursing homes
- 02/15/2022—Spring Primary
- 04/05/2022—Spring Election
- 08/09/2022—Partisan Primary
- 11/08/2022—General Election

### WEC Spring Primary Extended Hours

The WEC will have extended hours in the days leading up to, on, and immediately following the Spring Primary. See those extended hours [here](#).

### Recent Clerk Communications

- [Municipal Clerks Training Report for the 2020-2021 Term—Final Deadline for Reports, Updated List](#) (01/18/2022)
- [Absentee Voting Webinar](#) (01/18/2022)
- [WEC Newsletter Volume II Issue I](#) (01/20/2022)
- [Court of Appeals Issues Stay in Drop Box Case until February 15, 2022](#) (01/24/2022)
- [WEC Extended Hours in Support of the Spring Primary on February 15, 2022](#) (02/03/2022)
- [EL-362 WisVote Clerk Contact Information Update Form](#) (02/03/2022)